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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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INCORPORATED BY NATIONAL DECREE OF 7TH AND 5TH MARCH, 1848.

BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF 25TH JULY, 1854, AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1866.

Recognised by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1862.

France. & Sterling.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 80,000,000 3,200,000
RESERVE FUND, 20,000,000 800,000

HEAD OFFICE.—14, Rue Bergère, Paris.
LONDON AGENT.—144, Leadenhall St., E.C.

AGENCIES.—At Nantes, Lyons, Marseilles, Brussels, Bombay, Calcutta, St. Denis (Ile de la Réunion), Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama.
LONDON BANKERS.—Bank of England, Union Bank of London.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the monthly minimum balances, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained at the office.

CHR. DE GUIGNÉ, Manager.

Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, Hongkong, May 14, 1875.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—E. R. BELLING, Esq.
Deputy Chairman.—AD. ANDRE, Esq.
J. F. COADES, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
A. MOLVER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, JAMES GREIG, Esq.

Manager.

Shanghai, ERWIN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balances.

On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JAMES GREIG, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, February 27, 1876.

In the Goods of CAPTAIN LAWRENCE YOUNG, Deceased.

ALL Persons having any CLAIMS against the above Estate are requested to send in Particulars of the same to the Undersigned on or before the 22nd day of April, 1876.

And all Persons being Indebted to the said Estate are requested to Pay to the Undersigned, their several Debts, without delay.

STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors for the Executors.

2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, February 22, 1876.

Auctions.

UNAVOIDABLY POSTPONED.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

SUBSTANTIAL ENGLISH AND COLONIAL MADE

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

ENGRAVINGS, GLASS-WARE,

PLATED-WARE, PIANO,

&c., &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from JOHN G. SMITH, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 6th day of March, 1876, at Noon, at his residence, "Idle Wild," owing to change of residence,—

The whole of his Substantial English and Colonial-made Household FURNITURE, &c., comprising: Drawing, Dining and Bed Room Suites, Glassware, Plated Ware, Dinner, Dessert and Breakfast Sets, Engravings, Pier Glasses, Gasaliers, Gas Brackets, Carpets, Window Curtains and Cornices, Marble-top Tables, Book Case, Dining Table, Side Board, Whatnots, Chairs, Iron Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Toilet Tables, Washstands and Services, &c., &c.

And, A Cottage PIANO.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms of Sale.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Feb. 25, 1876.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

A MAN'S character should be judged from what it has been before, and by that means elegance or worthlessness can be discerned. A story should be judged by its true or false bearings, so that right and wrong may be distinguished. These remarks apply to the case in which Messrs Tsang Shun Yee and Woo Lin Tak were, on the 27th day of the 10th moon last year (24th November 1875), slandered by Lai Ming Chun.

Messrs Tsang Shun Yee and Woo Lin Tak have been residing for more than ten years in Hongkong and have always been employed in representing Nam Pak Hong in their transactions with foreigners. While their character stands high for a long time back been respected by both Chinese and foreigners. They have not only borne a name that is approaching to anything improper, but they have not in the course of all their actions done anything objectionable. Unexpectedly, however, slander came upon them unawares, but of course, when virtue stands high, reproach will come. They were therefore falsely charged by Lai Ming Chun's letter, which was void of all truth, with selling people for emigration abroad. They are indeed labouring under a false imputation from which it is now difficult for them to clear themselves. Our office, therefore, in punishing Lai Ming Chun for having done what he consents to pay the sum of \$400, the amount of legal expenses, he has also by way of punishment to pay \$25 into the Poor Box for the benefit of the Hongkong Poor. He is further punished by having to pay the expenses of advertising in the Chinese and foreign newspapers in the Colony, three of each, for the period of one month, a notice which will bring before the public his sin in this defamation. Reparations like these will, perhaps, allay in a measure the indignation which Messrs Tsang and Woo feel.

When a man finds fault with others he ought in the first instance to enquire whether he himself is unblemished. Now Lai Ming Chun, as a man, is not one who is numbered among the gentry, nor is his name pronounced by the lips of the illustrious. Yet he falsely dilates in slanderous language and spreads diffusely by word of mouth stories to the detriment and pollution of (the good name of) Messrs Tsang and Woo. It was right therefore that Messrs Tsang and Woo sought to sue him in the Courts of Justice, and he was on the eve of being punished by the utmost penalty of the law. Fortunately, however, Messrs Tsang and Woo's magnanimity is expansive as the sea and as capacious as the ocean, and they deal with people liberally; with that end in view, they therefore prefer, instead of punishing him, as he rightly deserves, to forgive him of the enormous crime of which he has been guilty. Having ceased litigation now, they have no resentment against any one, and by so doing they cherish the friendly tie that exists amongst the Chinese clans. They have also shown that in doing this they are inflicting a lenient punishment for the sake of a great warning. They are indeed fully sustaining the benevolent principles of the great men, and for this act of theirs, may the happiness (or good fortune) of Messrs Tsang and Woo never grow less.

THE UNIVERSAL CIRCULATING HERALD (TSUN WAN YAT PO).

Hongkong, February 19, 1876.

Intimations.

NOTICE IN EXPLANATION OF A SLANDER.

THE principles of right or wrong will reveal themselves in course of time, and this saying is clearly set forth in the History of China. When undue reliance is placed on statements by word of mouth, a good argument is always wanting, and this is what the Book of Changes has always guarded people against. If a man is not guilty of anything seriously wrong, is it likely that he will submit himself to be killed?

With regard to Lai Ming Chun, he is indeed a bare-faced fellow, and one who has no regard for anything. On the 27th day of the 10th moon last year (24th November 1875), he slandered Messrs Tsang Shun Yee and Woo Lin Tak by falsely accusing them of being engaged in the nefarious trade of selling people for the purposes of emigration, and that in their transactions they were in fact kidnappers. And finally, he recorded the same in the Tsun Wan Yat Po, (The Universal Circulating Herald), so that Messrs Tsang and Woo had thought of suing him before the local authorities, so that he might be punished for libelling people's character. Fortunately for him, however, Lai Ming Chun learnt, in time, of his own wrong, in slandering the character of good men, and now he has voluntarily consented to pay the penalty of bearing the legal expenses in the sum of \$400, and to pay also (into the poor box) \$25 for the relief of the Hongkong poor; also, from his own funds, to pay the costs of inserting in the Chinese and foreign newspapers, three of each, for the period of one month, an article, in order to redeem himself from what he has been guilty of. But this, nevertheless, would not actually be sufficient to cover the enormity of his sin. The reason why Messrs Tsang and Woo condescended to these terms was because they had been advised by intimate friends, who urged that, inasmuch as both parties were Chinese men, how could they see him (Lai Ming Chun) put in a good of the foreigners? So that it would be far better that they should forgive him, but inflict a small penalty by way of a small warning.

It so happened, luckily, that Messrs Tsang and Woo's magnanimity proved to be as expansive as the sea and as capacious as the ocean, and it was thus that the matter was put an end to. This is sufficient to show that Messrs Tsang and Shun are peaceful and quiet men, and that they have done a very good act. But Lai Ming Chun is a man who is very much conceited (i.e. the night pedestrian who thinks a great deal of himself), and one who falsely dilates in satire and rally. He began life in a very mean position, and is not of a respectable family (i.e. the descendant of the pure and white). While in a mean position, he, moreover, offends his superiors. Therefore it would not be arbitrary were he to be put to the sword (i.e. under the axe). Now that he is only fined in so small a sum, it is indeed his good fortune that he has escaped greater consequences. ONE WHO UPHOLDS JUSTICE.

Hongkong, 19th Feb., 1876.

* This has reference to a Chinese story, which, in its moral, is very similar to the Frog and Bull story in Esop's Fables.—Translator.



NAVAL CONTRACT 1876-7.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be received by the Undersigned, until Noon on SATURDAY, the 11th March, 1876, from Persons desirous of supplying the following Articles for the use of H. M. Navy for the Year 1876-7, viz:—
FRESH BEEF, TEA, RAISINS, VINEGAR, WATER, SOAP, BISCUITS, SUGAR, and further particulars, can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.
The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

JOHN BRENNER, Storekeeper.

H. M. Victualling Yard, Hongkong, February 25, 1876.

NOTICE.

G. B. ALLEN'S ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA and OPERA BOUFFE COMPANY will arrive per "Brisbane" about the 4th MARCH, and will give a SERIES OF PERFORMANCES.
Hongkong, Feb. 28, 1876.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the half year ending on 31st December last, at the rate of 8 1/2 per cent. per annum, say \$3.75 per paid-up share of \$125, is payable on and after FRIDAY, the 18th instant, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JAMES GREIG, Chief Manager.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I have this day authorized Mr. J. Y. V. SHAW to sign my name for procuration.
A. MACG. HEATON.
Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

FROM this date and until further notice, Mr. G. DE CHAMPAGNE will act, at this Port, as Agent of the above Company.
By Order of the Directors, O. BERTRAND.
Hongkong, January 29, 1876.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

MR. JAMES GREIG having been granted leave of absence, Mr. THOMAS JACKSON will, until further notice, act as Chief Manager of this Corporation.
By Order of the Court of Directors, JAMES GREIG, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 23, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of the late Mr. GEORGE DRAKE in our Firm, ceased on the 9th September last.
MR. ALFRED T. DRYAL was admitted a Partner therein on the 1st ultimo.

DEACON & Co.

Canton, February 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

WE have Established branches of our Firm at Hapfoong and Haod. Mr. E. CONSTANTIN is authorized to sign by procuration in Tsouqua.

LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

NOTICE.

MR. LEUNG TUNG-CHAI, Civil Servant, lately an employee in the LEE CHING SHOP, No. 24, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, has not been employed there this year, and if he goes to any shop to get money, goods, &c., the Undersigned will not be RESPONSIBLE for any debts contracted by him. This Notice is given in order to prevent any future dispute.

LEE CHING SHOP.

Hongkong, February 23, 1876.

NOTICE.

MR. MEYER ELIAS SASSOON has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from the 1st January ultimo.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have entered into Co-partnership from the First day of January, 1876, in the Business of Shipbrokers at this Port, under the style of MORRIS & RAY.

A. G. MORRIS.

E. O. RAY.

Bank Buildings, Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

For Sale.

CLEARANCE SALE.

SAYLE & Co. will offer, on and after TUESDAY Next, the 18th Instant, the remainder of their Winter Stock at Greatly Reduced Prices, consisting of:—

Winter Costumes and Polonaises.

Ladies' Jackets and Mantillas.

Fancy Dress materials of all kinds.

Wool Plaids and Flannels.

Silks and Poplins.

Wool Shawls and Cloaks.

Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats and Bonnets.

Fancy Wool Goods.

Lace and Linnen Sets.

Scarves and Sashes.

Boys' Suits.

Children's Dresses.

&c., &c., &c.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,

Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

THE UNDERMENTIONED LAND AND BUILDINGS.

AT HONGKONG:—

INLAND LOT 82.—The well-known House and Offices lately occupied by Messrs A. Heard & Co., adjoining the Cathedral Compound. The Ground below the masonry retaining wall of the above, abutting on the Queen's Road.

Annual Crown rent, \$890.48.

MARINE LOT 111, WANCHAL.—First-class and extensive Godowns.

Annual Crown rent, \$824.

INLAND LOT 501.—Situated on the Bonham Road and one of the finest sites for Villa residences in the Colony.

Annual Crown rent, \$79.78.

PAIK LOT 17, POIKOOLUM, adjoining Messrs Butterfield & Swire's premises.

Annual Crown rent, \$25.

AT KOWLOONG:—

MARINE LOT 4.—With a frontage of 100 feet on the Praya, and with an area of 30,000 feet.

Reduced Annual Crown rent, \$10.

AT YOKOHAMA:—

LOTS No. 6 AND No. 27 in the Foreign Settlement.

No. 6 is situated on the Bund, and comprises an eight-roomed Dwelling House, detached, with Garden all round, Offices, Godowns, Servants' Quarters and Outhouses, Area 1,064 Tanbos of 36 square feet.

Annual Ground rent, \$263.79.

No. 27 is separated from No. 6 by Water Street and comprises large Tea Firing and other Godowns, Floss Silk Press, Compressor's Quarters, Stabling and Fire Engine House. Area, 3554 Tanbos.

Ground rent, \$164.97 per annum.

Applications for purchase, or further information, to be made to

J. WHITTALL,

T. G. LINSTED,

Trustees A. Heard & Co.'s Estate, 23, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, K.C.M.G., C.B.

THE French "OPERA" COMIQUE TROUPE, lately of PARIS, LONDON, ST. PETERSBURG, NEW YORK and SAIGON, Will have the honour of giving their next Performance

ON

Thursday Next, March 2nd, 1876.

By general desire, the Company will give a Repetition of

"La Fille de Madame Angot."

Opera Comique in Three Acts, by CHARLES LECOCQ.

ACCOMPANIMENT BY MR. LAUNAY-CEPHAS, DIRECTOR.

Doors open at 8 o'clock; Performance to commence at 9.

Tickets may be had and seats secured at Messrs. KRUSS & Co., also at the door of the Theatre, on the night of Performance.

Hongkong, February 28, 1876.

Shipping.

Steamers.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S.

"MALACCA"

will leave for the above place on WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 1st Prox., at Daylight.

A. MOLVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 28, 1876.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for NAGASAKI & HIOGO.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S.

"THEERAN"

will leave for the above place on WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 1st Prox., at Noon.

A. MOLVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 28, 1876.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.

The Steamship "KWANTUNG,"

Captain PIRMAN, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 2nd Proximo, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, February 28, 1876.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The Steamship "GLENLYN."

will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 2nd Proximo, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, February 26, 1876.

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The Steamship "OXFORDSHIRE,"

Captain JONES, shortly expected from Singapore, will receive immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, February 26, 1876.

Sailing Vessels.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. TIGRE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. "Tigre," from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained from the 28th instant, at 10 a.m.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 2 p.m. To-morrow, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after THURSDAY, the 2nd March, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPREUX, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, February 26, 1876. m2

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES for Company's Steamer "Diomed," are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into craft, and landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned, in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after the 26th February, 1876.

Goods undelivered after 3rd March, 1876, will be subject to rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, February 25, 1876. m3

TAKASIMA COLLIERY.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

FOR SALE.

FRESH Takasima COAL, in lots to suit purchasers. LARGE, Handpicked, Double-sorted at \$8 per Ton. SMALL, at \$6 per Ton.

Apply to T. G. GLOVER,

No. 7, Queen's Road and at East Point.

Hongkong, December 3, 1875.

WANTED TO PURCHASE.

600 LBS. DRIED COMPRESSED YEGEABLES. Apply to

PAYMASTER H. R. M. S. "Yachin."

Hongkong, February 26, 1876. m4

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOOW.

The Steamship "DOUGLAS," will be despatched for the above

Ports on SUNDAY, the 5th Proximo, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.

Hongkong, February 29, 1876. m5

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship "STANTON," will be despatched on or

about the 5th March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, February 29, 1876. m6

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

Taking Cargo & Passengers through rates for HANKOW, NINGPO & PORTS IN

JAPAN.

The Company's Steamship "PATROCLUS," will be despatched on or

about the 9th March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, February 29, 1876. m7

NOTICE.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL

CARGO, EX O. S. CO.'S S. S. "DIOMED," FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the Undersigned not later than the

6th March, for shipment per S. S. "Patroclus."

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, February 29, 1876. m8

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK

COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

DIVIDEND Warrants for the Dividend to Dec. 31/75, at the rate of \$10 per

Share, can be obtained at the Office on or after 25th February.

By Order, D. GILLIES, Secretary.

No. 2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, February 29, 1876. m9

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs KHAN CHUND

CHUTTA MULL to sell by Public Auction

TO-MORROW,

the 1st day of March, 1876, at 2 p.m., at his Sale Rooms, Queen's Road—

Their entire Stock of Cashmere, Shawl, and Delhi Goods, comprising—

A variety of Handsome Shawls, Dressing Gowns, Scarves, Smoking Caps, Cloaks, Table and Chair Covers, Cushions, Slippers, Gold and Silver Lace Works, and Sundry other Embroidered Goods.

Inlaid and Carved Sandalwood, and Ivory Glove and Work Boxes, Card Cases, Envelope Boxes, etc., etc.

Terms of Sale.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17.

All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Feb. 29, 1876. m10

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 29, *Lily*, H. M.'s gunboat, 620, B. E. Cochran, Manila Feb. 24.

Feb. 29, *Yungching*, Chinese steamer, 661, R. Gibbon, Foochow Feb. 26, Amoy

27 and Swatow 28, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Feb. 29, *Rajah*, British steamer, 359, Hansen, Swatow Feb. 28 (6 p.m.), General.

—HOP KING.

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 28, *Chinkiang*, for Canton.

28, *Lotos*, for San Francisco.

28, *Mecca*, for Cooktown.

28, *Malacca*, for Yokohama.

CLEARED.

Christine, for Iloilo.

Banania, for Takao.

Marina, for Cebu.

Carolis Magnus, for Manila.

Flying Eagle, for Manila.

Halia, for Manila.

Vesta, for Whampoa.

Nahor, for Iloilo.

Lea, for Cebu.

Abbottford, for Swatow.

Pernambuco, for Saigon.

Haze, for Whampoa.

Lyce-moon, for Cooktown.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.—Per *Yungching*, 180 Chinese.

Per *Rajah*, 384 Chinese.

DEPARTED.—Per *Lotos*, for San Francisco, 837 Chinese.

Per *Mecca*, for Cooktown, 371 Chinese.

TO DEPART.—Per *Lyce-moon*, for Cooktown, 368 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Chinese steamer *Yungching* reports: fresh N.E. winds and thick rainy weather

to Swatow, thence fresh breeze, drizzling rain and very thick weather. In Foochow

—S. S. Douglas. In Amoy—H. M. S. *Midge* and German frigate *Ariadne*, in Swatow

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thought to be the *Columbian*, off Chapel Island, and a steamer of Red's Island both

bound North. Passed a large steamer of Cheong Point, supposed to be the French Mail

The British steamer *Rajah* reports: had fresh breeze, with thick and hazy weather. Passed two steamers bound East. In Swatow

—Steamships *Foochow* and *Atalanta*. Yess left for North.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS WILL CLOSE:—

For CEBU. —

Per *LEA*, at 7.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 1st March.

Per *MARINA*, at 7.50 a.m. To-morrow, the 1st March.

For SAIGON. —

Per *PERNAMBUCO*, at 8.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 1st March.

Per *ARRATON APOR*, at 4.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 1st March.

Per *FERONIA*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 1st March.

For SHANGHAI, HANKOW, NINGPO, NAGASAKI, CHEFOO, TAKU, TIENSIN & PEKING. —

Per *TEHERAN*, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, the 1st March. Late Letters from 11.10 to 11.30 a.m.

For ILOILO. —

Per *NAHOR*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 1st March.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOOW. —

Per *KWANGTUNG*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 1st March.

For SINGAPORE AND PENANG. —

Per *GENGYLE*, at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 2nd March.

For SWATOW. —

Per *ADRIA*, at 5 p.m. on Thursday, the 2nd March.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *OCEANIC*, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 1st March, at 3 p.m. with the

Mails.

For Yokohama, San Francisco, the United States and the United Kingdom.

The Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Books, Newspapers, &c., until 2.30 p.m.

Letters can be posted on board the Packet from 2.30 p.m. to 2.50 p.m. on payment of a Late Fee of 12 cents in addition to the Postage.

The prepayment of the Postage to all the above places by this route is compulsory. Correspondence insufficiently prepaid will be forwarded by the English Packets.

Correspondence addressed to Yokohama, and the United States must be superscribed per *Oceanic*, and that addressed to the United Kingdom must be superscribed "via San Francisco."

ALFRED LISTER, Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, Feb. 18, 1876. m1

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Contract Packet *GOLCONDA*, will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 2nd March.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 1st March.

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 2nd March.

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

ALFRED LISTER, Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, Feb. 18, 1876. m2

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *PRITHU*, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 2nd March, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and

Maritime to Europe, Saigon, Singapore, Galle, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, March 2.

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

ALFRED LISTER, Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, February 28, 1876. m3

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, March 2:—

Daylight.—*Kwangtung* leaves for Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

3 p.m.—*Glengyle* leaves for Singapore and Penang.

9 p.m.—Opera Comique at City Hall.

Goods per *Tyre* undelivered after Noon subject to rent and landing charges.

FRIDAY, March 3:—

Goods per *Diomed* undelivered after Noon date subject to rent.

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

SUNDAY, March 5:—

Daylight.—*Doiglas* leaves for Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.

MONDAY, March 6:—

Noon.—Sale of Household Furniture, at *Idle Wild*.

Shipping Orders regarding Optional Cargo ex *Diomed* for shipment per *Patroclus* must be obtained from the Agents not later than this date.

WEDNESDAY, March 8:—

Stentor leaves for London on or about this date.

THURSDAY, March 9:—

Patroclus leaves for Shanghai on or about this date.

SATURDAY, March 11:—

Noon.—Tenders for Naval Contracts received by the Storekeeper.

WEDNESDAY, March 15:—

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, April 1:—

Warrants against unclaimed Dividends, Bonus or Interest on Victoria Fire Insurance Co., to be presented before this date.

SATURDAY, April 22:—

Claims against the Estate of Captain Lawrence Young, deceased, must be sent in on or before this date.

FRIDAY, June 30:—

Claims against the Estate of Diederich Helmscholt, Querino Antonio Gutierrez, Martin Carroll, Dora Howard, and Henry Roberts, deceased, must be proved on or before this date.

MONDAY, July 31:—

Claims against the Estates of Gustav Thibault, Edward Parker, Edward Richard Handley, Kwong Tham, Lam Kok Cheong, Lee Ah Yon, Leung Saw Fan, Man Chan, and a Chinaman, name unknown, No. 11, deceased, must be proved on or before this date.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—*Malacca* leaves for Yokohama.

Noon.—*Tehran* leaves for Shanghai.

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer *Oceanic* leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

Auctions.

2 p.m.—Sale of Goods, at Mr J. M. Armstrong's Sales Room.

TO ADVERTISERS.

It is requested that all advertisements be sent, when practicable, by 4 p.m., to allow of the early issue of the paper.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.40 p.m.

BIRTHS.

On the 15th Jan., at East Neuk, Blackheath, the Wife of J. W. Adamson, of a Daughter.

On the 20th Jan., at 3, Dawson-place, Baywater, Mrs Charles Hansen, of a Daughter.

On the 16th Jan., at Penlee, Stoke, Plymouth, the Wife of George Ignatius Pirkin, Asst-Commissionary-General, of a Daughter.

On the 10th Jan., at 18, Blomfield-terrace, Paddington, the Wife of James Campbell Wardlaw, of Amoy, China, prematurely, of a Daughter, stillborn.

MARRIAGES.

At H. B. M. Consulate, on the 22nd Inst. WILLIAM GAVIN STONACH, of H. B. M. Consular Service, to CATHERINE ANNIE DUNHAM, widow of the late Rev. George Dunham, of the China Inland Mission.

By special licence, on the 19th Jan., at St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Chapel, Skipton, by the Rev. Father Sharp, Thomas Fairhurst, Esq., of Liverpool and Foochow, to Elizabeth, second daughter of Henry Fairhurst, Esq., Gargrave, Yorkshire.

On the 15th Jan., at Holy Trinity Church, Brighton, by the Rev. W. D. MacLagan, Vicar of Kensington, assisted by the Rev. R. J. Salmon, Vicar of St. Martin's, Brighton, H. J. Gepp, Vicar of Adderbury, Oxon, and N. E. Gepp, Vicar of Sandon, Hert, Arthur Midway Gepp, of Canton, youngest son of Thomas Morgan Gepp, of Chelmsford, to Maria Merelina Symonds, eldest daughter of Vice-Admiral Tindal, of Chase Lodge, Enfield, and granddaughter of the late Right Hon. Sir Nicolas Conyngham Tindal, Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas.

On the 18th Jan., at Trinity Church, Tunbridge Wells, George H., son of the late Mr George Urmon, of Canton, China, to Annie F., daughter of the late Rev. G. Hone-Goldney, of Tunbridge Wells.

DEATHS.

On the 7th February, at Osaka, from hemorrhage, T. K. CHAI, Resident Engineer, Imp. Govt. Railways, aged 82 years.

At Amblets Bals, France, on the 11th Decem., M. Victor-Alme Charles Hartung, aged 47 years.

At Shanghai, Feb. 28th, ALEXANDER DUNCAN SMITH, aged 16 months.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEB. 29, 1876.

We hear that more satisfactory news has at last been received from the Grosvenor Expedition. They have arrived at a place called Suchau (the Son-tchou-fou, we presume, of the maps), and here, it is stated, they were met by the "Yunnan escort." This was on 28th January, and we are puzzled at more than one thing. Does the escort mean the British or a Chinese escort? Blahms is over due.

Only a little over 100 from the Tchoong-king-fou (Tsung-king) which were reported as having reached on Dec. 30, 1875. The intelligence relieves in a measure the general anxiety, but we must wait for further news ere we can be perfectly satisfied as to the safety of the Mission.

ANY expression of educated thought on the subject of missionary labour in China is of interest, no matter how much it may violate all our ideas of what is fit and proper from such a source. Its importance arises not from the intrinsic value of the opinions expressed but from the effect it will have in moulding those of the public generally. We think therefore that British attention in China should be drawn to some recent utterances of Professor von Holtzendorff, the well-known German lawyer. That undoubtedly able man has contributed to the *Deutsche Rundschau* for October 1875, an article entitled "The disputed points of Modern International Law." As the Professor is deemed one of the greatest living authorities on such a subject, anything he says commands a widespread attention. We fear that he has been misled in this instance into conclusions which do grave injustice to bodies of men whose reasonable rights it is a duty incumbent upon their respective governments to protect. Says the Professor:—

patronage. Some 400 ladies and gentlemen were present—the latter somewhat painfully preponderating; and an admirable supper, served by the Club Comptroller, completed the general satisfaction. We lost a mysterious rumour that horses may compete at our next races. We hope so sincerely. But even then we doubt if the arrangements for the Year's race week are likely to be more successful than they have been on this occasion.

The Band of H. M. 28th Regiment will play at the Officers' Mess at 8.30 p.m. tomorrow. The following is the programme:—*Quadrille, Der Hausliche Krieg, Schubert, Overture, La Cenerentola, Rossini, Selection, Lucia di Lammermoor, Donizetti, Valse, Silver Chimes, Coots, Selection, Il Trovatore, Verdi, Galop, Asteroid, Riches.*

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN."

E. P. HURST, Conductor.

As we have given insertion to the letter signed by "L. O. S.," from Yokohama, on the subject of alleged discounting on the part of Captain Tracey, of H. I. C. M. S. *Yang Woo*, towards a Chinese interpreter, who accompanied officially the Governor of Kanagawa on board the ship on a visit, we think it right to give publication to the following contradiction and re-contradiction. They appeared in the *Japan Mail* and *Japan Gazette* of the 19th January respectively:—

"A charge of discounting having been brought against the English Commander of the Chinese corvette *Yang Woo*, by an anonymous correspondent of a Yokohama newspaper, we are requested to give his statement absolute contradiction. The *Yang Woo* was visited by a distinguished party of Japanese (comprising two of the Imperial princes with their suite and various officials of the Navy Department), attended by a British naval officer and numbering seventeen in all. They were received by Captain Tracey in his own cabin, and wine was offered to them. Captain Tracey naturally being the last helped. The cabin, which is small, was somewhat crowded, but no far as could be seen, each of the guests was supplied with wine, and the omission of any member of the party was the result of an accident for which their entertainer could not justly be held responsible.

Allusion has been made to the Chinese admiral, who was present by invitation. The *Yang Woo* has two; but the order of precedence in the Chinese navy would seem to be somewhat eccentric, the admiral possessing no authority in naval matters whatever, and, in this case, acting as paymaster only. Their status may be judged from the fact that they enjoy only one-fifth of the pay given to the Chinese Commander.

—*Japan Mail*, 19th Jan.
With reference to a paragraph which appears in this morning's *Advertiser*, giving "unqualified denial" to a letter which appeared in our paper of the 14th inst. signed "L. O. S.," we are requested by our correspondent to state that the facts as he related them absolutely occurred, and that the informant of the *Advertiser* is mistaken inasmuch as he refers to a party of visitors altogether distinct to that which the Chinese interpreter, who was treated with such signal discourtesy, formed part. Had the editor of the *Advertiser* or his informant read L. O. S.'s letter carefully, or not wilfully wished to misrepresent it, he would have seen this, clearly enough, for himself.

—*Japan Gazette*, 19th January.

(L. O. S. Express, Jan. 21.)

The corvette *Junco*, which left Plymouth for Hong Kong on the 18th ult., reached Gibraltar on the 10th inst., and resumed her voyage on the 13th inst. The *Sheldrake*, gunboat, which sailed on the 3rd inst., also for the China station, arrived at Gibraltar on the 11th inst.

The appointment of Surgeon W. H. Elmes, of the *Hart*, for service in the hospital at Hongkong, is gazetted. Surgeon John Wood is appointed to the *Hart*.

The P. and O. mail, bringing dates Yokohama 30th Nov., Shanghai 3rd Dec., Hong Kong 9th Dec., Singapore 16th Dec., and Peking 24th Dec., was received via Brindisi and via San Francisco respectively, on the 17th inst., their due date and the following (French) mail, with a week's later advice—Yokohama 8th Dec., Shanghai 10th, Fookhow 12th, Hong Kong 16th, Manila 11th, Batavia 19th, Singapore 24th, Galle 30th Dec.—reached London, via Marseilles, on Jan. 21st, being three days early. The next inward (P. and O.) mail is due, via Brindisi, on the 31st Jan.

The total quantity of tea delivered from the bonded warehouses in London for the week ended the 16th inst., was 3,643,978 lb., of which 2,502,005 lb. was for home consumption, 809,471 lb. was removed coastwise, 228,194 lb. was exported, 100,801 lb. was sent coastwise for exportation, and 4,171 lb. was for ships' stores. The duty received amounted to £22,625, which, when compared with the £21,216, of last week, exhibits an increase of rather more than 2 per cent.

At the close of last week silver was in good demand for India, at 50 1/2 p. oz., and a considerable amount was brought from the Continent, the market then became quiet, buyers awaiting the result of the tenders for the council drafts on India; when it became known that they had gone so much lower, the effect on silver was immediate, and the price receded to 55 1/2 p. oz., at which rate the late arrivals have been placed. There are about £22,000 in Mexican dollars on the market, but the rate is not yet fixed.

Tenders for £700,000 in bills on India were received at the Bank of England on the 19th inst. The amounts allotted were—To Calcutta, £400,000; and to Bombay, £300,000; tenders on Calcutta at 15 p. 1/2 d., will receive about 18 p. cent above in full; and on Bombay at 15 p. 1/2 d. in full.

Messrs. J. Henry Schroder and Co. announce that the half-yearly interest on the Imperial Government of Japan Custom Loan for £1,000,000, due 1st February next, will be paid on and after that date at their counting-house.

Messrs. Boyd and Co. have published an

analysis of the failures in the different branches of the wholesale commerce and manufacturers of the United Kingdom in 1875. The total is 1,721, of which 476 were in London, 91 in Liverpool, 89 in Manchester, 74 in other parts of Lancashire, 227 in Yorkshire, 113 in Newcastle, Hull, &c., district; 62 in Bristol, Cardiff, Newport, and Swansea; 127 in Birmingham, Wolverhampton, and district; 302 in the country; 127 in Scotland, and 43 in Ireland. Among engineers, founders, and the iron trade generally, there were 236 failures; among merchants, 247; manufacturers and merchants engaged in the woollen stuffs, silk, and elastic trade, 167; wine merchants, 121; warehousemen, importers, and manufacturers of foreign goods, 110; coal merchants, 97; in the boot and shoe trade, 80; and among commission agents, &c., 76, &c.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. May.)
29th February, 1876.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS.

Nine Chinese were brought up as being suspicious characters, having been found in an unoccupied house in the same row on which a burglary was attempted. It appeared that a house in Eastern Street, Baitingpool, was visited by burglars, who got on to the house by means of a bamboo ladder. They were, however, discovered in time by an inmate of the house, who had occasion to get up during the night. Being thus alarmed, the burglars ran away having succeeded in carrying away only one bundle of salt fish. P. O. 90, Dragg, was going up Eastern Street at the time; he saw some men running away and collared one of them, but this man cut him on the hand and escaped. The case was remanded for enquiries.

FELONIOUS INTENT.

Luk Akwong, a chain-coolie in the employ of Mrs. Marty, the keeper of a curio shop at Queen's Road, was charged by his mistress under the following circumstances. The complainant Mrs. Eugene Marty stated that she paid the defendant his wages yesterday, but by mistake gave him a \$10 note for one of one dollar. She had a \$25 note, and had to change it from Mr. Ullmann for one \$10 note and ten \$1 notes, \$5 having been deducted for a debt which the complainant owed to Mr. Ullmann. The defendant when taxed with having received the money in excess, made a stout denial, but produced a \$5 note and three \$1 notes. As the complainant did not pay him any \$5 note, he was given into custody. The defendant was sent to six months' hard labour.

LARCENY.

Chun Yung Shing, boatman in the employ of Messrs. MacEwen Frickel & Co., was sent to six months' hard labour for stealing a sheet of sheathing metal. Some stores were being taken into the godown from the Russian man-of-war *Vladick*, and they were being arranged, some for sale by auction, and some for reserve. The defendant was engaged on this work, when he was seen to conceal a piece of metal behind a box with intent to remove the same afterwards, but he was observed by a Russian seaman.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before His Lordship Mr. Justice KNOWLEN.)
29th February, 1876.

Tai Tse Chan v. Chun Kung Kee, \$95.40.—Mr. Sharp appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Wotton for the defendant. The case was by consent referred to Mr. Chun Tai Kwong for decision.

Deane v. Lee Cheung Shan, \$50.—This was a claim by the Captain Superintendent of Police against the defendant who stood security for a Chinese constable who had run away from the service. Judgment for the plaintiff, for whom Mr. Sharp appeared.

Ohlu Akwan v. Ng Ashing, \$85.84.—Mr. Denny appeared for the defendant and gave notice of a special defence, and urged that the plaintiff had no right to sue, the note being in the name of one Lo Shun Hing, and that the amount of interest was too much. The defendant actually received \$30, and the \$7 mentioned in the note was given as interest.

The plaintiff, who was formerly an interpreter at the Police Court, stated that Lo Chun Hing was his mother's name, and that he gave the money to the defendant himself. Mr. Denny observed that he understood that the owner of the note was an uncle of the plaintiff, and that the name in the note was prefixed by Mr. which could not indicate that the owner of the note was a woman.

The plaintiff was then called. He stated that he and the defendant were previously employed in the Police Court. In March 1873 the defendant applied to him for a loan because some Indian Constables were suing him. The plaintiff went home and consulted his mother. She had said that time some money in her charge belonging to the plaintiff's cousin. The plaintiff took pity on the defendant and lent him the \$37, for which the note was given. The defendant was receiving \$37 a month from the Magistrate, and the note was given for payment of the following month. On the 1st April 1873, he was, however, dismissed from the service. No interest was mentioned at the time the money was lent, but when he was dismissed, the plaintiff said he would charge him interest at 4 p. cent per month, otherwise \$1 4 1/2 a sum on \$37, and this made up the sum the plaintiff now claimed. The defendant agreed to this rate of interest at the time. On the dismissal of the defendant, his salary for the previous month was withheld by the Magistrate, and the plaintiff had to speak to the Hon. C. May at the time about the debt due to him. The defendant was dismissed on account of some irregularity in some Government money affairs. The plaintiff charged interest for 33 months, and he had not seen the defendant since his dismissal until February last. When he applied to him for payment, he was in the employ of Mr. Denny, and he said to him, "Now you have got employment you should pay me." To this the defendant replied that he had not received pay from Mr. Denny for six months, and that when he had money he would pay him. The promissory note was in the name of his mother, who was called Lo Shun Hing.

By Mr. Denny—I did not pay much attention to the wording of the note at the time, and did not therefore discover that

my mother was described as Mr.—The interest of \$1.48, being at the rate of 4 p. cent per month, was agreed to by the defendant. The money was my mother's and not my cousin's. My mother is deceased. I have often applied to the defendant for payment, but he invariably put me off.

Mr. Denny submitted that there was no case, and that the plaintiff must be non-suited, as he had admitted that the note was given to him. His Lordship observed that such a defence would not avail much if the party was in the Colony.

Mr. Denny said, his client did not raise this defence in order to evade payment, but he would object to paying the money to the plaintiff, who had no right to recover.

His Lordship ordered that the plaintiff's mother should be sent for, and that there should be no communication between her and the plaintiff.

The plaintiff's mother having arrived, she was put into the box. She did not know the defendant. In 1873, her son, the plaintiff, told her that a man named Ashing wanted to borrow \$37, and she said him the money. She had the charge of some money of her elder brother's at the time, and she lent it to the defendant through the plaintiff. Lo Shun Hing was her brother's name. He was at present in Sui-chiu. Her own name was Lo Shun Hing (two names were alike in spelling but different in tone).

Finally judgment was given for \$37, with interest at the rate of 12 p. cent from 1st April 1873.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams appear in our Indian Exchanges:—

Allahabad, Jan. 26.—Sir Salar Jung is likely to visit England this year as a guest of the Duke of Sutherland.

Calcutta, 27th January.—Reuter's Agent telegraphed from Rangoon about Sir Thomas Wadell's party as though Sir Thomas himself were expected at Bhamo. Reuter's agent in asserting that an escort—hardly troops—was called in, it is to be marched up there to meet the Yunnan Mission. The escort will, likely, consist of about 300 men Europeans and natives. The passage of this small force will be the first fruit of the demand for a right of way through Burmese territory, bungled by Sir Douglas Forsyth's Embassy, and afterwards successfully negotiated by Colonel Duncan.

Allahabad, 31st January.—A suit for three thousand rupees damages for wrongful dismissal, has been instituted by the Band-master of the 34th Foot against the officers of that Regiment at Ferozepore.

London, Jan. 31.—The Queen has announced her intention to be present at the Concert to be given in the Albert Hall, Kensington, on the 28th of February. It is expected that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will visit Gibraltar on his return home from India, when Lord Napier of Magdala will assume the duties of Governor. Colonel Owen-Burne will accompany Lord Lytton to India as Private Secretary.

Madrid, Jan. 31.—The Royalist troops are successfully advancing and gradually closing round the Carlists.

Cairo, Feb. 1.—The Egyptian troops have occupied the province of Hamasin without opposition. The King of Abyssinia is collecting his forces at Adowa.

Moscow, Feb. 1.—The Prince arrived at Gwalior this afternoon accompanied by a great escort of the Tenth Hussars. A visit was paid to the Rajah of Dholapore on route, where the Prince dined. Scindia met the Prince several miles out and accompanied him in the same carriage to the old palace in the city, where the Prince mounted an elephant accompanied by Scindia and General Daly and followed by 32 other elephants and Scindia's infantry, and proceeded to the Phoolbagh, a magnificent new palace lately built for the reasonable sum of sixteen lacs. Tremendous crowds lined the whole route, and the houses in the bazaar were crowded from the ground to the housetop. 13,000 of Scindia's picked troops lined the route and kept order admirably. The Prince reviews Scindia's army to-morrow and visits the fortress. Scindia's hospitality to all here is unbounded. The palace and town are illuminated.

Bombay, Feb. 1.—This morning the Prince of Wales reviewed Scindia's forces on the maidan, east of the new Palace. Nearly ten thousand troops were present. The Cavalry and Artillery exerted admiration from everybody both in the march and gallop past. The infantry are evidently an exact copy of the British. The Native Army displays great steadiness. Altogether Scindia's Army would compare favourably with regular British troops. Scindia acted as General throughout, and after the conclusion of the review and the sham fight, the Prince expressed himself favourably regarding the army. In the afternoon the Prince visited Gwalior fortress. A banquet was provided at the new Palace in the evening, and an evening party afterwards at Scindia's invitation. The Palace was illuminated and there was a fire-works display.

London, Feb. 2.—The Comptrol d'Escompte has declared a dividend for half year of 8 p. cent per cent per annum.

Agre, Feb. 2.—The banquet and fireworks at Scindia's Palace last night were a great success. At the end of the dinner Scindia entered and in a most cordial manner proposed, and drank in champagne, the Queen and the Prince's health and expressed how deeply he felt the honour of the Prince's visit. The Prince replied most felicitously, thanking Scindia for his magnificent hospitality and saying he should always remember his visit to Gwalior as one of the pleasantest in India, and that he was proud to rank Scindia as his personal friend. Scindia spoke very feelingly respecting the Prince's visit in the afternoon at the Old Palace in open Durbar before the nobles assembled, when the Prince was returning his visit. The Prince starts for Jeypore on Friday.

Saint Petersburg, Feb. 3.—The Russian cabinet is now considering a scheme for partially withdrawing the subsidies of the Russian Steam Navigation Company and will, instead, refund the Suez Canal tolls on Russian vessels from India and China to the Black Sea.

London, Feb. 3.—The Troopship *Junna* sailed for Bombay to-day.

Jeypore Feb. 3.—The Prince went yesterday with the Maharajah and two of his sons to the Rajah's Highness, from the elephant on which he was seated, shot one very large tiger, over eight feet and four inches in length. The carcass was brought in with ceremony to the Residency, where a large party of natives and Europeans assembled. A grand Durbar at

the Maharajah's Palace took place in the evening, followed by a banquet at which the Prince presided. The Maharajah ordered the hall after dinner and proposed the health of the Queen and of the Prince of Wales. The Prince, in responding, dwelt on the flourishing condition of Jeypore, and the endeavours of the Maharajah to improve the condition of his subjects. He then thanked the Maharajah for his hospitality, and then gave him an opportunity of shooting his first tiger. An entertainment, by jugglers and nautch girls and players on musical glasses, followed the banquet. The whole party was brilliantly illuminated.

Aden, Feb. 3.—The Briton with General Schneider has returned and it is rumoured that he has negotiated a treaty for the possession of the island of Socotra by Great Britain, a sum of six thousand dollars having been paid as earnest money.

Jeypore, Feb. 4.—The Prince entered Jeypore this evening. A grand oriental procession was formed from the Rangaree to Ajmere Gate. There were running footmen, outriders and javelin men in various costumes, guns drawn by bullocks, elephants bearing banners and a long array of native footmen who came first, followed by a crowd of men-at-arms, some on horseback and some on foot, some on elephants and some on camels, and the Maharajah, mounted on elephants and surrounded by torch-bearers, headed the Royal suite. Sixty elephants carried the suite of Rajahs and nobles, whilst the rear was brought up by horse and foot soldiers.

London, Feb. 4.—Archbishop Manning is supporting the Vatican in examining a scheme for the union of extreme English Ritualists with the Church of Rome. One hundred leading Ritualist clergymen repudiate the scheme.

Paris, Feb. 5th.—There has been a terrible Colliery Explosion at Saint Etienne. One hundred and seventy persons perished.

Calcutta, Feb. 5th.—Captain Butler, the Deputy Master Attendant of Calcutta, was drowned at Garden Reach on Thursday evening. He was in a small steam launch, with a party of the Survey office, returning, after dark, from a sporting expedition, when the launch collided with the steaming *Challenger*. Captain Butler with other fell overboard at the moment of the collision.

London, Feb. 7.—The Princess Alexandra had arrived in London from Copenhagen. Lord Lytton embarks from Brindisi in the steamer *Orontes*, which leaves Portsmouth on the 1st proximo.

London, Feb. 7.—His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh will take command of Her Majesty's ship *Sultan* on a special cruise.

Constantinople, Feb. 7.—The Reforms contemplated by Count Andranassy have received general consent by the Porte, so far as they apply to the Insurgent Provinces.

London, Feb. 7.—Cardinal Manning has disavowed the scheme for union between the Church of Rome, and the extreme Ritualists.

London, Feb. 8th.—The Session of Parliament was opened to-day by Her Majesty in person, accompanied by Her Royal Highness the Princess Alexandra. The Royal Speech said that our relations with China were cordial.

London, Feb. 9.—Both House of Parliament have voted the Addresses in reply to the Royal Speech. In the House of Commons, the Marquis Hartington made a speech in which he condemned the policy of purchasing the Suez Canal shares which he considered alike dangerous and profitless.

Mr. Disraeli lengthily defended the purchase of the Canal shares and pointed out the value of the Suez Canal in connecting the chain of fortresses between England and India.

London, Feb. 10.—The correspondence relating to the purchase of the Khedive's Suez Canal shares was submitted to parliament last night, and the debate thereon was fixed for Monday next.

London, Feb. 10.—Austria, Germany and Italy have signified their approval of the purchase in warm terms. Russia has not sent any despatches to England on the subject.

London, Feb. 10.—English, whilst deprecating any act of the Khedive in giving up the Control of the Canal, has declined to become possessor of the Founder's shares.

Galle, Feb. 10.—The German Government propose the adoption of a uniform rate of postage to trans-oceanic places of 50 centimes for half-ounce letters. Great Britain, France and Holland have asked for admission to the postal Union as regards their Colonial possessions.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(N. C. D. News, Feb. 24.)

As will be seen from our Peking correspondence letter, the intercourse between Foreign Ministers and heads of State Departments conceded in the Edict of September last, was inaugurated on the 4th February, on the occasion of the usual New Year visits.

Our Tientsin correspondent says the ice in the Peiho suddenly broke up on the 6th inst., and that on the 8th steamers from Shanghai could have reached Tientsin without difficulty. Our correspondent gives an amusing account of the adventures of a party of excursionists who started for a ride across the plains, and lost themselves so effectually that the last man only found his way back on the fifth day.

The O. C. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Europa*, which is intended to be employed in the Foochow trade, has been undergoing alterations at the Old Dock, during the past two months. She has now accommodation for fourteen cabin and upwards of fifty second class passengers, the latter being berthed at the fore end of the ship. Special attention has been paid to ventilation and the sleeping cabins are provided with every necessary convenience; separate bath rooms being provided for ladies and gentlemen. The dining saloon is on deck, an arrangement which allows much more room for cabin accommodation. The decorations are in white and gold, with suitable upholstery, and both the saloon and cabins look very cozy and inviting. The *Europa* has always had the reputation of being what sailors term an easy seaboat, and will doubtless become a still greater favourite with passengers.

(Courier and Gazette)

Li Hung-chang has been deputed to settle the Korean question with Mr. Mori, the Japanese Ambassador, and various interviews have passed between them at Peking with reference to the subject. The Viceroy completed his sixty-fourth year the other day, and held a grand levee in honour of the occasion, which was attended by every mandarin for miles around.

The private residence of a member of the Grand Secretariat at Peking, named Wen, a Manchurian relative, it is said, of Wen-chiang, was almost entirely destroyed by fire the other day. It was situated in the Kin-ch'en or Forbidden City, not far from the Imperial Palace. Wen looked all the doors and refused to allow anybody inside lest his treasures should fall into the hands of the mob. He even compelled the ladies and other members of the household to save themselves by being let down over the walls at the back. Nearly everything however was lost, and simply through his obstinacy in thus interfering with the efforts of the militia-loungers. The fire is supposed to have originated in the combative propensities of two cats, which in the course of a fight upset a candle against one of the paper windows of the house.

The Mitsui-Bishi Company's steamship *Hiroshima Maru*, which arrived from Yokohama on 17th, was ordered by the authorities next day to take up a berth below the limits on account of her having combustibles on board. This was not discovered until she was made fast to the wharf and part of her cargo discharged. The engineers had then commenced to overhaul her engines, and it was therefore necessary for her to turn down. Who is to blame for this breach of Harbour Regulations it is hard to say; but the difficulty was eventually got over, and the cargo discharged over the side as she lay. The combustibles complained of are a quantity of Remington cartridges which were shipped by Mr. Remington of the celebrated rifle manufactory in America, and who is a passenger by the steamer. It is said that he has come over with the view of entering into negotiations with the Chinese Government for the erection of cartridge works. This sounds rather strange, as they have a manufactory of that description at Loong-twa, which is under the superintendence of a competent Englishman and which is at present turning five thousand cartridges per day, a number which can be considerably increased when it is found necessary.

CHINESEAN.

Messrs. Spence and Wolf write on the 21st February:—Another week has passed without any material change in our Piece Goods market. Sales have been made at the figures given below, but supplies are chiefly drawn from the native dealers at Shanghai, who are enabled to meet all demands from the heavy settlements at low rates made by them previous to the New Year. With delivery after the holidays, the stocks thus accumulated in second hands must, however, soon be exhausted, and even now prices have an upward tendency.

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Feb. 21st.

Japan.

(Japan Mail)

No further news from Corea has been received during the week, but there is the best reason for believing that the Chinese have disclaimed any intention of interfering in the Korean question, and they are even under good to have concurred in the justice of the Japanese demands. This must relieve the Japanese Cabinet from some little anxiety, and tends to strengthen the position of the Government in the eyes of its subjects. But there is apparently no relaxation in the preparations necessary for strong measures in case they should be needed. It is observable that according to our report from Yokosuka H. M. S. *Dwarf* has left Nagasaki for Corea.

Some 8,000 packages of cargo have now been recovered from the wreck of the *Surprise*, which have been landed at the Imperial Dock-Yard at Uraga. The wreck lies upon a sandy bottom close to the entrance of that harbour, and there is but little hope of raising it. The assistance of divers will be necessary to save the remaining portion of her cargo.

STRAITS NEWS.

(Straits Times.)

We learn, with much satisfaction, that three of Mr. Birch's murderers have been at last caught, and that one of them, Suptan by name, confesses everything. According to this worthy's tale there were nine men concerned in the deed, and he has furnished the names of them all. Suptan and another man of the name of Gundak were caught by the Sultan Abdullah at Durian Sabatang and not without considerable resistance. The third man, whose name is Ngah Hamid, was captured by Ryd Masnoon. We understand that the sentence of these ruffians has been the result of considerable pressure brought to bear upon the Sultan by H. E. the Governor. So far, so good, but the instigators as well as the instrument must also be made to answer for the crime, and it is satisfactory to think that there is every prospect of that being brought about.

The correspondence of the *Peking Gazette* reveals a curiously anomalous state of affairs in Perak. We are at war there and we are not at war. Our troops are on the most friendly terms with one party of Malays and shooting down another lot wherever they are met with. One day the troops are out on the war path, burning and slaying right and left, columns of smoke marking their march. The next day the officers and men amuse themselves with shooting matches, with rifles and revolvers, and the day after they vary their amusement with some canoe-racing, in which Dr. Townsend, whom we take to be the P. M. O., not P. M. C., and Mr. Maxwell, H.M. sub-Commissioner, distinguish themselves. All are however agreed that the sooner they get out of the country the better, and a report that H. E. the Governor had requested that the Buffs, and the Gloucesters should be stationed in the country for some time was received with "universal horror" and aroused "a storm of disapprobation." The Buffs, it appears, were not prepared for their campaign and argue that their 2nd Battalion, now at the Cape, should take their place, and the Gloucesters, although willing and able enough to fight the Malays, would appear to have imbibed

a distaste to the country and to be as anxious to leave it as the Buffs. As for the natives they appear to be all in a quandary, Chiefs and community alike. Some of the chiefs, notably Rajahs Lok and Alung, and To Sri Lela, the chief of Kotah Lama, have expressed a wish to submit, but have been deterred, the two first by their subjects, and the latter by his fears, from doing so. This To Sri Lela consulted Yuesit, the Rajah Mudah upon the point, but upon being informed by the latter that there was a price upon his head, changed his mind and challenged the Rajah Mudah to battle, and the fight actually came off on the 3rd inst., with no decisive result however. Appended we give the latest news from Qualla Kangsar, and we think we are justified in the comment,—that Lord Carnarvon or Her Majesty's Government's hesitation in coming to a decision upon a very simple question has occasioned about as ridiculous a situation as it is possible to conceive. Ever since the death of Lord Palmerston there have been a lamentable want of manliness and robust common sense characteristic of English statesmen of all parties and a development of most conscientiousness which has had the most mischievous effect upon England's foreign policy, alike destructive of the country's prestige and costly to her purse. Had bluff old Pam been to the fore, we should long since have been spared the nuisance and vexation and expense of this Perak imbroglio. We should either have let it alone, or having once gone in for establishing order and a stable government, there would have been no half-measures taken to do so. The thing would have been done once for all and thoroughly.

We learn that the survey of the Northern end of the Malay Peninsula for the telegraph line projected by the Siamese Government to connect Tavoy, Bangkok and Province Wellesley is proceeding apace. It has been completed from Laco, through Sangkhata and Quedah to Province Wellesley, and the country from Laco to Bangkok and from Bangkok to Tavoy is at present being taken in hand.

According to the *Siam Weekly Advertiser* of the 10th instant, the Siamese troops in the north have been completely dispersed the Cheen Han filibusters. All their leaders have been slain or taken prisoners and the rank and file fled on the 21st December in confusion from their stockades without provisions and were endeavouring to make for a place called Puan. The way is described as a dreary, barren and desolate one, through mountain ravines and gorges, and Puan could not be reached under 18 days, and as the fugitive Cheen Hans could not possibly obtain any provisions on the road, it was generally believed that they would all perish of starvation.

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HONGKONG, Feb. 29, 1876.

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